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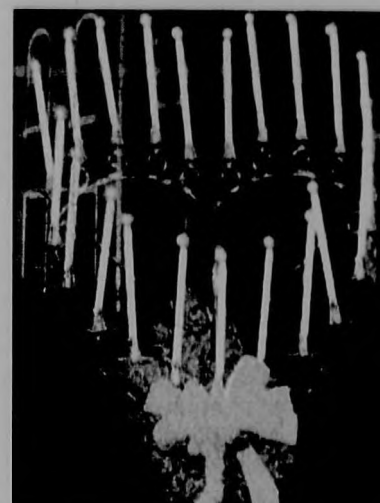
## Elba's Christmas Festival a magical day

by Linda Hodge, Staff Writer

It was a magical day in the City of Elba last Saturday as one of the largest crowds ever packed the courthouse square throughout the day for the 12th Annual Christmas Festival.

According to festival committee members, there was plenty to choose from as over 100 vendors of arts and crafts, food, etc. filled side-walks. And, the day's non-stop performers kept the crowd entertained. Then, as the sun went down and the lights came on, the annual Christmas parade made its way through the streets of Elba. It too, was considered to be one of the largest and was as joyous as ever.

"What a great day it was," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.



1999 All-Star Candelabra

"The weather was good, the people were happy and the community came together for an overall wonderful day."

Although it was great to see these annual events prosper and celebrate their best turnouts in quite a few years, the most elegant event of the day was the big finale.

In the first-ever "Elba All-Star Lighting Ceremony," the people of Elba gathered around the Christmas Festival stage by the courthouse to honor some of the people who have lived and continue to live by Elba's motto, "Small Town, Big Heart," each and every day.

On Saturday evening, 21 of the many big-hearted Elba residents (current or former) took center stage to be honored as the 1999 Elba All-Stars.

"I felt like it was a great way to honor some of Elba's citizens and the good works that they do," Whitworth said.

• These 21 people were chosen as

the all-stars based on nominations from other residents who explained why the nominees should be an Elba all-star.

During the ceremony, these people came together and were officially recognized. They were: Frances Brunson, Jack E. Brunson, Sallie Bryan, Bill Bullard, JoAnn Camon, Martha Coleman, Donald Crook, M.D., Lloyd Crook, Lamar and Betty Foley (In memory of Jimmy Foley), Mart Gray, Jimmy Harrison, Barbara Hudson, Jay Johnson, Lisa Johnson, Betsy Martin, Eva Mooney, James Ross Poole (In memory of Erlene Poole), Roland and Pat Powell, Robert Stephens, Chris Thigpen and Joan Ward.

As each All-Star was introduced to the enormous crowd, Roger Boothe, master of the ceremony, explained why the All-Star was being recognized. At that time, each All-Star lit his or her candle on the heart-shaped candelabra on stage and proceeded to enter the crowd and help light the candles being held by everyone in attendance.

The words spoken about each All-Star varied because of the many different things each person had done to help Elba become the town it is today, but one thing held true about each All-Star. It was their love for Elba which helped them achieve the things that caught the eye of so many. And, this special event was just the place for those who share the All-Stars' love for Elba to say, "Thanks."

It was on that note that everyone held their sparkling candles together and sang Christmas carols as the holiday season officially opened in the City of Elba for the final time in this millennium.

"It was great to see so much participation from the Elba townspeople," said Joan Ward as she spoke of how honored she was to be chosen to be a part of the All-Star ceremony. "I hope it becomes another 'Elba tradition.'"



1999 Elba All-Star Frances Brunson lights the candle of a spectator at Saturday night, "1999 All-Star Lighting Ceremony." Mrs. Brunson, along with the 20 other All-Stars, helped create a sparkling atmosphere around the square as they lit the almost 1,000 candles being held by Elba citizens and visitors attending the first-ever lighting ceremony.

## Elba 'on map' for 2000

Look on most any map of the state of Alabama and in the southeast portion of the state in little letters, you will see the word "Elba." The small county seat of Coffee County is almost always noted and is even more famous for its devastating floods.

However, as the new approaches and we prepare to enter a new millennium, work is being done to create a colorful graphic pictorial of the Elba community.

University Graphics of Hoover has contracted with The Elba Clipper for this very artistic, eye-catching map to be inserted into an upcoming issue of the paper. The newspaper is not a sponsor of the production or the advertising sales for the pictorial. The Elba Clipper is only being used as a distribution tool in this endeavor.

The map is expected to include an artist's drawings of historical structures and locations, schools, churches, major business and retail centers and local recreation areas. It will include major streets and specific community areas; however, these things will not be drawn to scale.

Harry McCord, sales manager for University Graphics, will be in the area offering businesses and industries the opportunity to have their company's name and building on the map. Only the companies agreeing to participate in the project will be included on the pictorial.

University Graphics is promoting this project as a high quality and long lasting map that will depict Elba as it exists at the turn of the century.

## Winter Weather Preparedness Week

Alabama Governor Don Siegelman has proclaimed December 6 through 10, 1999 as Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Alabama.

The Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA), the National Weather Service, the American Red Cross, and the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency join together to inform the public about winter and how it impacts the state.

As a southern state, Alabama may not be thought of as being directly impacted by severe winter weather. However, winter weather has been the primary cause of weather-related deaths and injuries in Alabama.

Some residents may recall that in March 1993, Alabama was severely impacted by a snowstorm of record proportion. In light of the potential damages and injuries caused by winter weather, the following are some winter safety tips:

• Check battery powered equipment before the storm arrives. You may have to depend on portable radio and TV for weather information.

• Check your food supply and stock your shelves with items that do not require cooking or refrigeration in case of power failure.

• Check your supply of heating fuel and prevent fire hazards from fuelplaces and other heating sources.

• Get your car winterized and keep water out of your fuel by keeping the tank full. You should also carry a winter storm kit in your car, especially if you plan on cross-

country travel in areas that could be affected by winter storms.

• Make necessary trips for supplies before storms develop and if you must go out into cold weather, wear layered, loose-fitting clothing.

• If you use space heaters, ensure the heater is properly ventilated and placed away from flammable items. A common but deadly mistake is to put gasoline into kerosene heaters. You should only use a specially marked or colored container for kerosene to prevent making such a mistake.

• Cover exposed outdoor water pipes when the temperature is forecast to be below freezing.

• If you have pets, take the necessary precautions to protect them from prolonged exposure to cold weather.

• Finally, visit the Coffee County EMA web site for additional information on all aspects of personal preparedness. The web site location is: [www.snowhill.com/~twilkins/](http://www.snowhill.com/~twilkins/)

## NEWS BRIEF

Elba police are investigating a burglary which occurred last week at The Elba Market Place. Several cartons of cigarettes and an assortment of meat products were taken from the store during the incident. There was no sign of force entry to the facility. No arrest has been made in the case at this time.

## County's E-911 System is working

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Coffee County's E-911 System was officially placed online Thursday, October 26, 1999, and has been working ever since.

"There have been some comments made, and rumors heard, that 911 is not working," said Charles Webb, chairman of Coffee County Emergency Communications (E-911) Board. Specially, referring to the current potential for delayed or no-response to calls for ambulance or rescue squad service."

Both the Elba and New Brockton rescue squads ceased operations just prior to the county-wide E-911 system being activated, leaving a large area of the county without ambulance/rescue squad service. It should be noted that E-911 is a system designed to provide the citizens of the cities, towns and rural areas of the county with a rapid communications system and to direct the appropriate emergency service for the type call received at one of the two communications centers located in Elba and Enterprise.

With the assistance (financial aid) of the Coffee County Commission, the City of Elba has secured emergency medical service through a commercial ambulance firm - Coffee County EMS - for the Elba area of responsibility in the E-911 system.

"It is important for everyone to understand that E-911 is working if the 911 digits are dialed on any telephone (wired system), not cellular, the call is answered at the appropriate answering point, and the dispatcher automatically receives the name, telephone number and address of the caller," said Webb.

"At this point the E-911 equip-



Charles Webb

ment will also display for the answering police dispatcher the appropriate law enforcement agency, fire department, and ambulance/rescue squad serving that specific calling address. If there is no servicing rescue squad, for example, the dispatcher has no one to send. That is a local government, or community, or industry problem - not an E-911 failure."

Webb emphasized the fact that the absence of an emergency response agency, or the failure of an existing agency to answer a call IS NOT controlled by the E-911 system. While the E-911 system, the answering police department and their dispatchers, and the emergency response agencies work closely together, they are separate entities.

In the case of rescue squads, the Enterprise Rescue Squad and Coffee County EMS (serving Elba and western Coffee County), are private, incorporated businesses, and make their own decisions and contractual arrangements concerning who they will serve.

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solution to the current rescue squad dilemma, because the solution is vitally needed, not because the task of providing emergency response agencies is part of their responsibilities," said Webb.

"Local government and local citizens should be working together on the problem, and the Coffee County Commission recently passed a resolution to do just that," he added.

At the present time, a meeting is being planned which will allow officials from towns and cities throughout the county to "sit down" with county and state officials to address the problem in hopes of finding an immediate and long-range solution to this problem.

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## State's scrap tire license penalty placed on hold until 1/1/2000

The Alabama Department of Revenue adopted an emergency regulation effective Nov. 18, 1999, which puts the \$500 delinquent license penalty, required by the new scrap tire handlers' licensing, Act 99-597, on hold until Jan. 1, 2000.

The Alabama Department of Revenue adopted the emergency regulation to set written procedures ensuring that the \$500 delinquent license penalty is applied uniformly from county to county across the state. The Jan. 1, 2000, \$500 penalty implementation date will also allow counties additional time to appoint and train county enforcement officers.

The regulation allows for a refund of the \$500 delinquent penalty paid by any licensed scrap tire handler prior to Jan. 1, 2000, provided the scrap tire handler has paid all other license fees and any county licensing official's delinquent penalties that may

have been due at the time the \$500 delinquent penalty was assessed beginning Nov. 2, 1999.

The scrap tire handlers' licensing law is a new licensing requirement which became effective Oct. 1, 1999, and includes a variety of business operations such as retail tire dealerships, service stations, garages, scrap tire collection facilities, landfills which accept scrap tires, tire recycling facilities, fleet vehicle operators/fleet tire receivers, and anyone involved in the business of transporting scrap tires for delivery to a collection or landfill facility. The scrap tire handlers' license fee is collected at the local level by the county probate judge or county license commissioner.

For more information concerning the scrap tire handlers' licensing law or delinquent license penalties, contact the Alabama Department of Revenue, Severance and License Tax Section, at (334) 353-7827.

## New Brockton to hold Community Christmas Celebration Saturday

The Town of New Brockton welcomes all its citizens and those of surrounding communities to join with them for an old fashioned Christmas get-together Saturday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. The festivities will be held at First Assembly of God Church, Highway 84, but no one church is in charge. Choirs, ensembles and various musical groups from the community will be singing and presenting special numbers. Friends are invited to come early to see the beautifully decorated tree up close and enjoy an organ concert of Christmas music. Mrs. S.L. Nolin will tell a Christmas story for young and old. A community sing-along of familiar carols will be part of the evening.

After the service, an open-air

lighting of the town Christmas tree will follow. Then everyone is invited to stroll along Main street to the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church to enjoy home-baked goodies provided by townspeople. Friends are asked to drop finger food by earlier.

This is the second annual "Christmas on Main" to be celebrated in New Brockton. Last year, an overflow crowd packed the church and spilled over into the yard, joined by the high school band and elementary school chorus. A spirit of goodwill and neighborliness was evident as people from the entire community sang Christmas carols as they walked down Main street.

New Brockton welcomes all its neighbors to be a part of this year's joyous celebration.

## Area Happenings

**AREA FOOTBALL GAMES.** The only area football team participating in the Alabama State High School Football Playoffs is the Brantley Bulldogs. They will play Courtland for the Class 1A State Championship at Legion Field in Birmingham Thursday (TODAY) at 3:30 p.m.

**VIETNAM VETS MEET.** Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday (TODAY), Dec. 2, 1999, at the Clayhatchee Community House located on Highway 92 close to Providence Baptist Church. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Veterans and their families are welcome to attend. For more information, call 347-1426 or 598-8804.

**CHRISTMAS ON MAIN.** The second annual community celebration of "Christmas on Main" will be held in New Brockton on the main street, Saturday, December 4, 1999, at 6:00 p.m.

**RED CROSS CPR RALLY.** The Coffee County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor a Holiday CPR rally at the Enterprise Civic Center on Monday, December 6, 1999, from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. The CPR Rally will offer certification and recertification in Adult CPR. For more information call 347-2461.



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The Christmas Festival last Saturday was a great success, according to reports from those attending. The positive reports from attendees were echoed by local merchant and festival vendors alike. Of course Mother Nature played her part perfectly also as the weather was the best we remember in recent years for the annual Elba Christmas Festival. It started off right Saturday morning when visitors saw wall-to-wall vendors around the inside of the square, with spill-over vendors on the outside of the square and the buggies rides based just off the square. Those of us who are regular Methodists can also take solace in the fact for the first time ever, we didn't eat leftover chili on Sunday night following the festival, as the Methodist youth sold out of their now well-known chili they sell each year on the traditional Northwest corner of the square.

The Alabama Legislature did as we predicted and pushed the replacement tax bills through the special session in record time last week. Not that everyone liked the bills, but as they had no better solution to offer, some held their noses and voted for the measures. One thing that always helps in any situation when wide support is needed, is the fact that the governor and his staff made a concerted effort to keep lawmakers abreast of things as they developed, making it a group project rather than any one person's or group's agenda.

Another lawsuit has cropped up, similar to the one which caused this special session of the Alabama Legislature. It may take this one year to get through the courts also, but ultimately the suit will weave around and get to the top. It is probably asking too much for the lawmakers to put a fix on this one before it becomes another emergency, and a quick fix patch job is required; but it would be smart for them to at least begin forming a game plan.

The daily newspapers continue to carry letters to the editor from readers who are upset over the outcome of the lottery vote. It continues to amaze us to read these often bitter sounding letters. We lost a vote there also, but say a prayer of thankfulness for not harboring those bitter feelings every time an election doesn't go in our direction. . . gosh, we would stay mad at the world! Majority rule is the backbone of democracy and we joined millions of others and answered the military call of the president on two occasions to defend democracy and all the trappings that go with it. Some may say we learned our lessons too well and/or don't harbor one emotion for "our causes" but so be it, we are proud to be an American and enjoy life today more than we did yesterday (and yesterday it was already great!).

U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions underwent cancer surgery last week and is expected to make a full recovery. The big "C" word is often avoided by those who hear their doctor mention it, but not Mr. Sessions. He came right out and told the world what was happening. Cancer is a scary thing, as is heart problems, or even a broken toe. . . we don't want either one. However, those who choose to share the news openly with friends and neighbors don't have to worry about someone finding out about it and can concentrate their energies on winning the battle of life. Salute to Senator Sessions and God Speed.

We missed writing Brainstorms last week, as the task of getting the paper out just one day early, coupled with a couple of catastrophic events, over-taxed the old man's abilities. It prompted an offer from our son Chris to give a few free lessons in time management. . . Ha, we are supposed to be advising our children, not the reverse. Thankfully though Linda was here and was able to shift into a higher gear, thus saving the day. It is so nice to be surrounded by young folks with great minds and equally great personalities.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of November 23, 1999, through November 29, 1999. They were: Tyrone Crawford, Juwan Hughes, Petty Wambles, Elvise Beasley, William Stokes, Shirley Tompkins, Lucille Boswell, and Billy Ware.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Ted Brunson, Dillion Elmore, Courtney Rumph, Kendrick Rumph, Rebecca Stinson, Elsie Copes, Lorenzo LeLoach, Roy McHaffey, Dessie Williams, Ludine Chandler, Eloise Beasley, Mary Candell, and Ann Bell.

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From the Desk of:

## Alabama State Representative Terry Spicer

## Legislature passes tax replacement plan

All four bills in Governor Don Siegelman's tax proposal have passed the Senate and House. The four tax bills were part of a package proposed by the Business Association Tax Council at the request of Siegelman. The new taxes will be used to fill a \$120 million hole created in the state's general fund budget when the U.S. Supreme Court found Alabama's franchise tax unconstitutional. "The possibility of state and local cuts has been avoided," Representative Terry Spicer said. The replacement taxes should generate about \$150 million.

Three of the bills are awaiting Siegelman's signature to become law, while the other will require rat-



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## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 22, 1999, investigated the following incidents: eight harassments, three criminal mischiefs, one disorderly conduct, one menacing, one attempted burglary, two assaults, two DUIs, one domestic disturbance, one vehicle report, and one attempted suicide.

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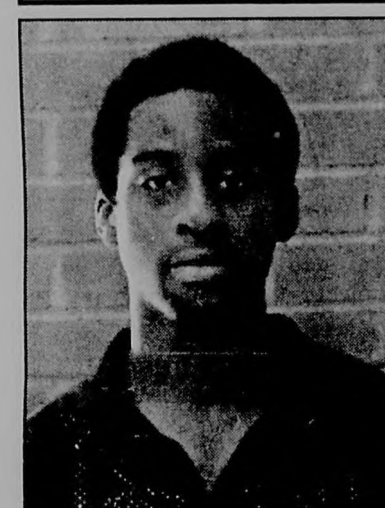


BRANDI MILLS

by Natasha Bannin  
This week's Co-Op Spotlight focuses on Brandi Mills. Brandi is employed at Dorsey Trailers. Her job duties include filing papers, answering phones, making copies, and any other things needed.

Brandi is the daughter of Greg and Ellie Mills of Elba and is a senior at Elba High. She is a member of VICA and is a member of the Elba Deliverance Tabernacle Church. Her future plans are to attend ESJC and become a photographer.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



SHUNTA SAMS

by Tiffany Farris  
This week's student spotlight is Shunta Sams. Shunta is an eleventh grader at Elba High School.

He is the son of Betty Joe Sams and Clarence Sams. Shunta Sams has two sisters and one brother. His brother is Michael Sams, 15, and his two sisters are Queena Sams, 19, and Lakeisha Sams, 21, all of Elba.

Shunta was born in Opp, however, he has lived in Elba all of his life. His hobbies include drawing and fishing. After high school he plans to work at Dorsey Trailers.

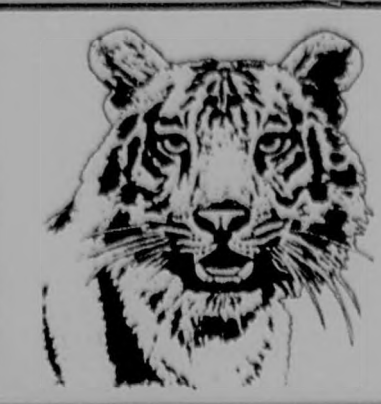
The best thing he likes about Elba High School are the pretty girls.

Shunta helped save someone's life in the 1998 flood. He received an award from Governor Fob James for his heroism. He helped Dillon Tyson from her automobile while it was being swept away by the floodwaters. He said, "I am very grateful to have helped this lady during her crisis."

## SALUTE!!



**GED CELEBRATION AT ESJC**...Enterprise State Junior College recently held a G.E.D. Success Celebration during which certificates were presented to those who successfully completed the rigorous test. G.E.D. recipients pictured on the first row from left to right are Ruby Averett of Clayhatchee, Kent Preston Baker and Harriet Bostic-McKinnon of Enterprise, Heather Spann Booker of Hartford, Gerald D. Brooks of Level Plains, Breck Nathan Burgess and Anthony Wade Duncan of New Brockton, Morgan Trevor Gunn of Kinross, and Helen Marie Grantham of Elba. On the second row from left to right are Amanda Elaine Hutto of Ozark, Tyrie Jerod Jones of Daleville, Chiquita Ann Lee of Enterprise, Gina Michelle Lively and Delina Martin of Ozark, Tavis Ann Neal of Graceville, Fla., Christine Marie Pollan of Enterprise, Jennifer Lynn Spivey of Troy, and Kathleen Banks Thorn of Kinross. Prior to the presentation of certificates, Mrs. Sharon Sessions, president of Altrusa International (co-sponsor of the celebration) talked to the G.E.D. graduates about future options. She said, "The road to success is always under construction...If someone wants to go to school, there is no reason why he or she can't. There are scholarships available; there are jobs available. You may be up really late studying after a long day at work, but it can be done. Financial aid may be available; applications may be obtained from the ESJC Financial Aid Office. The Spring Semester begins Jan. 7, 2000, with registration opening Nov. 29. For more information about being admitted to the College, call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234 at the main campus or 334-598-3438 at the Ft. Rucker campus.



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Kimberly Ward  
Cammie Kelley

## TIGER BRIEFS

### Math Review

by Stephanie Williams

Many students are aware of the new graduation exam. Students have been informed on the added subjects. Some students have even found themselves worrying about passing the new exam. Mr. Weeks made some arrangements for there to be a math review. On Friday, Nov. 12, Mr. Parker came to do a math review. Mr. Parker helped students remember the basics. He guided the students through steps as they approached each and every problem. Each math class attended this review. It was a very beneficial program.

### Rethink that Drink

December is a chaotic month filled with Christmas parties and last blasts of the millennium. Therefore, December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. An alcohol-related death occurs on the road every 33 minutes, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Excessive drinking can be habitual and fatal. So before you pour a glass, stop and rethink that drink.

### State Evaluation

by Monique Ordon

Within the next five years, each school in Alabama will be monitored in everything, ranging from academics to facility structures. On the week of November 1st through the 5th, the state evaluation team evaluated Elba City Schools. By the end of the week, they found everything to be satisfactory and the school excelled in every area, especially academics. They were pleased with the behavior of the student body, the very cooperative teachers and the rest of the staff. Although we had a few mechanical problems such as doors, door locks, and extinguishers. Overall, the report was great.

## Do Teens Have A Bad Rep

by Katie Vaughan

Newspapers, magazines, billboards, and television have begun to discriminate against today's teenagers, brainwashing parents with negative thoughts. It seems the media is obsessed with the fact that teens are only interested in violence. True, many massacres have been brought on by high school students. Take for instance, Columbine High School in Columbine, Colo.

Six young boys united and decided to call themselves the Trenchcoat Mafia. They were a group of individuals who separated themselves from the "cool" people. Why? Because people in "that" category did not and would not accept them. Students would tease the Mafia and make fun of them because they were different. They did not fit in with the popular kids.

There is a lesson to be learned in all of this. If students would swallow their pride and learn to deal with the fact that some people may not all look or act the same, then the world might be a better place. If students would change, April 8, 1999 might have been one less topic.

But I cannot blame the young world. Many parents are obsessed with the fact their children have to look the best and be the best at everything. Parents do not stop to watch their kids grow up. They do not realize that their kids might have a problem, a problem that is very obvious. I believe it is times like these that young adolescents of today turn to violence. Maybe everyone needs to get his act together and pay attention to the surroundings. If we do this, no one would have to worry about receiving a bad reputation.

## Elba Elementary School Menu December 6 - 10, 1999

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
<b>Monday</b> - Cinnamon Toast of Cereal, Applesauce, Juice, Milk	<b>Monday</b> - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, Sliced Peaches, Milk
<b>Tuesday</b> - Pancakes w/ Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Tuesday</b> - Burrito w/ Cheese, Rice, Green Salad, Half Apple, Milk
<b>Wednesday</b> - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk	<b>Wednesday</b> - Chicken Nuggets, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Applesauce, Pops, Milk
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<b>Friday</b> - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast w/ Jelly, Juice, Milk	<b>Friday</b> - Hot Dog, Potato Tots, Whole Kernel Corn, Cookie, Milk

## FHA/FCCLA Top Sales Award Winners

The ham and turkey sales for the FHA/FCCLA have ended and the top sales prizes have been awarded. The top sales person was Jennifer Dyer. Jennifer is a senior and has been the top sales person for two years. As the top sales person, Jennifer sold 34 items.

The second place winner was Anthony Parrish who sold 22 items, and Randy Miller sold 20 items to place third. Both Anthony and Randy are eighth graders.



Pictured (l-r) are: Jennifer Dyer, Anthony Parrish, and Randy Miller

## When I Grow Up

by Amy Kirkland

As this school year progresses, the seniors of 2000 are faced with a most important question - "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

Childhood dreams of being an astronaut, fireman, ballerina, etc. have turned into the harsh reality of having to choose a career.

Several seniors were recently asked, "What career do you plan to pursue after graduation?"

The responses are as follows: Ten seniors plan to major in an area of the medical field after graduation. Two will major in each of the following: the arts, law, education, and computer sciences. One senior will major in a technical field, another communications, and yet another in social work. Three are going into either a science field or business field. Several plan to go to a junior college or the military, and later transfer to a university.

While many are undecided to what he or she wants to be, lessons learned at Elba will help prepare each student for whatever the future holds.

## A Day To Remember

by Emilee Benbow

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, Elba High School held its annual Memorial Day program. Guest speakers for this program were Pete Collins and Jay Johnson with the Freedom Forum.

Mrs. Johnson spoke to the students about life and the choices she made. She stressed for everyone to think about their actions and decisions. She urged them to think about how it would affect them in the long run.

Mr. Collins also told his life story, but he had a different twist. He was born in Germany during World War II. His father was killed in combat while fighting for the success.

Nazis. After the war, his mother met an American soldier, married him, and moved to America. He told the students how proud he is to be an American.

Both of these speakers were very entertaining and interesting. Their stories were moving, and the speakers captivated the audience. The speakers even had a little fun themselves. They wrote Mr. Weeks and told him that they enjoyed it about as much as the students did. They stated that the EHS student body was the best behaved and most attentive of all the schools they had visited. This year's Memorial Day program was a great success.

## \*Meet Our Faculty\*

by Sara K. Miller

Our recognized teacher for the week is the EHS Ag Teacher, Mr. Daniel Jacob Davis. He is originally from Opp and graduated from Opp High School. He attended Auburn University and obtained a degree in Agriculture Education. Mr. Davis has been teaching for five years. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, watching college football and stock car racing. He also enjoys working in the yard in his spare time. He recently got married. His favorite thing about EHS is the great students and great people with which he works.



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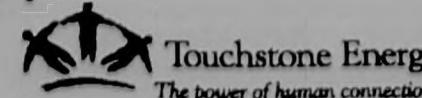
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# AREA NEWS

## South Central Alabama Mental Health Board holds annual public meeting on Oct. 21



Marion Brunson speaks at the South Central Alabama Mental Board annual public meeting.

Retardation. Ms. Beasley presented an update on the severe budget problems faced by mental health and the very real possibility of facility closures due to the franchise tax problem. She commended South Central staff for consistently receiving high marks on audits on providing quality services to consumers. She also praised the Board's unique program of disaster services provided to Elementary School students in 1998 following Hurricane Georges.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the following Service Awards by Executive Director Cynthia Hatway: Mental Illness - W.D. (Sukoshi) Underwood, Andalusia; Mental Retardation - Kim Ray, Enterprise; Substance Abuse - June Meredith, Brantley; Administration - Margie Cotton, Opp. Five year Service Awards were presented to Board Members Roy Windham, Andalusia, and Robert Reid, Andalusia, and to staff Tim Wyatt, Donna Davis, Brent Cosby, Kate Wallace and Sonya Godwin.

Fifteen year Service Awards were presented to staff members Lucy Lawson, Wynene Black, Robert Powell and Wynene Black. The Twenty year Service Award was presented to Christine Davis, Andalusia. The Twenty-Five year Service Award was presented to Vanita Brooks, Andalusia.

The South Central Alabama Mental Health Board held their annual public meeting on Oct. 21 immediately followed by their Board and Staff Banquet at the Oakwood Lodge in Andalusia. Over 140 board members, staff and guests were in attendance. In addition to remarks by Outgoing Board President Mr. Roy Windham and Incoming Board President Judge Marion Brunson, the attendees were entertained by the Andalusia High School chorus under the direction of Mrs. Martha Sue Duebelt. The Chorus performed five selections including "Celebrate" and a medley of the Miami Sound Machine. A delicious dinner was served by the staff of the Oakwood Lodge. Greenville Outpatient Director Robert Powell gave the invocation.

Keynote speaker was Ms. Melanie Beasley, director of public relations for the Alabama Department of Mental Health/Mental

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# Area News

## Prep senior finds time to excel at academics, sports

by Maybelle G. Cagle  
(Special to The Elba Clipper)

Jackson Preparatory senior Tait Jones puts in a long day, but it's a routine that seems to be paying off. He has compiled a list of accomplishments, including a perfect score on his SAT test, being named a National Merit Semi-Finalist and recognition as a state finalist in Wendy's Heisman competition.

Jones, son of Tom and Melanie (Carnley) Jones of Madison, also has achieved athletic honors as a top swimmer.

"He is a model student. Tait was actually home schooled until he came to Jackson Prep in the 11th grade," said Jean Marie Peet, Prep's college admission counselor. "That speaks well for his family and the family values they've instilled in their children."

"They put a lot of emphasis on academics and family relationships," she said. "They're a close-knit family. They have a wonderful spirit as a family."

The Jones family moved to Madison from Memphis when their son was a high school junior. Jones' brothers and sisters include J.T., 13, a student at Rosa Scott in Madison; Julia, soon to be 11, who attends Madison Station and Brian, 1.

Peet said earning a perfect score on the SAT test is "an extraordinary thing to do."

"Two students (at Prep) had 1,600 last year. The year before we had one student. It speaks well for the caliber of students we have," she said.

"I was very excited. I didn't think

I was going to be anywhere near there," said Jones of getting a perfect score. He has taken the ACT test a second time, also striving for a perfect score. The first time he made 33 out of a possible 36.

"If I can make a 35, I can get to be a STAR student," he said. The ACT, required by most colleges, is designed to assess high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work.

The test covers four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning. The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is a "predictor for potential success in college," said Peet. It consists of verbal and mathematical aptitude tests. Test results determine eligibility for admission to many colleges as well as for scholarship awards.

Peet said Jones has "natural ability" and "motivation."

"You've got a combination of both. He's a goal setter and works hard to achieve it. A lot of it comes from athletics," she said.

Jones hasn't picked a college yet. He's being recruited by five major colleges with swim teams, including Auburn, University of Virginia, Stanford, University of Georgia and

University of Texas. He also hasn't picked a major yet. "I could go into pre-med," the 17-year-old said.

"At the same time, I'm also interested in English and psychology." His day starts hours earlier than most students. On a recent Thursday, he awoke at 4:45 a.m. and drove to the Courthouse on Lake-Land Drive where he swam from 5:30 to 7:45 a.m. for an early-morning physics lab.

After school ended at 3 p.m., he went back to the Courthouse to lift weights from 4:45 p.m. and swim from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. When he got home, Jones finished and was in bed by 10 p.m. "I hated getting up at first. I'm better able to do it now," he said. "In Memphis, I had to be at swim practice at 5 a.m."

He swims six days a week, usually twice a day except Wednesdays and Saturdays. His favorite events are the breaststroke and the individual medley.

How does he manage to do it all? "I wish I could tell you it was just diligence," he said. "You have to be flexible, to get things in when you can. I just try to do everything I can to work in the time I have."

A swimmer since age 10, Jones credits swimming with helping him

accomplish his goals. "It teaches you a lot of things," he said. "It teaches discipline first of all. It's a great opportunity for me to go and relax mentally."

He usually ranked in the top for his age group and he recently qualified for the national junior swim team. Jones also swims for the Sunkist and Jackson Prep teams.

Jones said he was "very happy" to become a state finalist in the Wendy's competition. Prep nominated him based on his academics, athletics and community service.

He is involved with the youth group at his church, Highland Presbyterian Church in Ridgeland.

At Prep, Jones takes AP (advanced placement) physics, a calculus course that provides college credit, AP English, standard economics and AP government. His final course each day is computer applications. Marcia Hobbs, Jones' physics teacher and Prep swim coach, said he is "a very talented young man."

"He has great abilities in both areas," she said. "He is a wonderful athlete, but he also works very hard."

It's not that everything is given to him," Hobbs said. "He practices his swimming very hard and gives up a lot to do that. He's always prepared and focused."

"I was excited to get to teach him," she said. "I've enjoyed getting to know him. He's so bright."

Jones is the grandson of Fleetwood and Mary Carnley, former residents of Elba.



Tait Jones

## Coffee County Schools Menu December 6 - 10, 1999

### BREAKFAST

Monday - Cinnamon Raisin Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Tuesday - Pancake Pup, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Chicken Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Friday - Bacon, Biscuit, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

### LUNCH

Monday - Fish Square, Steak Sandwich, Whole White Potatoes, Butterbeans, Fruit, Hashbrowns, Milk

Tuesday - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Chicken Nuggets, Garden Salad, English Peas, Cheese Rolls, Fruit, Ice Cream Cup, Milk

Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Roast Beef w/Low Fat Gravy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, Rolls, Milk

Thursday - Barbecue Sandwich, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Fruit, Rice, Milk

Friday - Pepperoni Pizza, Chicken Salad, French Fries, Corn on Cob, Fruit, Crackers, Milk

## Kinston High School participates in speech and drama competition

The speech and drama classes at Kinston High School recently participated in the District V Trumbauer Festival at the University of South Alabama. Held Nov. 6, the competition involved 77 participants and included the following schools: Murphy, UMS Wright, Slocomb, St. Paul and Kinston. The following students participated in the competition: Dennis Busby, Tiffany Day, Jason Farris, Jessica Kelley, Chris Rhodes and April Weeks. Dennis and Chris received

excellent ratings in original oratory. Tiffany and Jessica received excellent ratings in solo acting female, comedic, and April received an excellent rating in poetry interpretation female. Tiffany received a superior rating in extemporaneous speaking and Jason and Chris received superior ratings in duet acting comedic. Tiffany, Jason and Chris will be participating in the state competition at the University of Montevallo Dec. 5 & 6.

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New Brockton Elementary School will have its Book Fair, Dec. 1-7, in the school's library. The book fair will be open each day from 8 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. And, on Dec. 2 and Dec. 7, the fair will stay open until 6 p.m. Parents are welcome.

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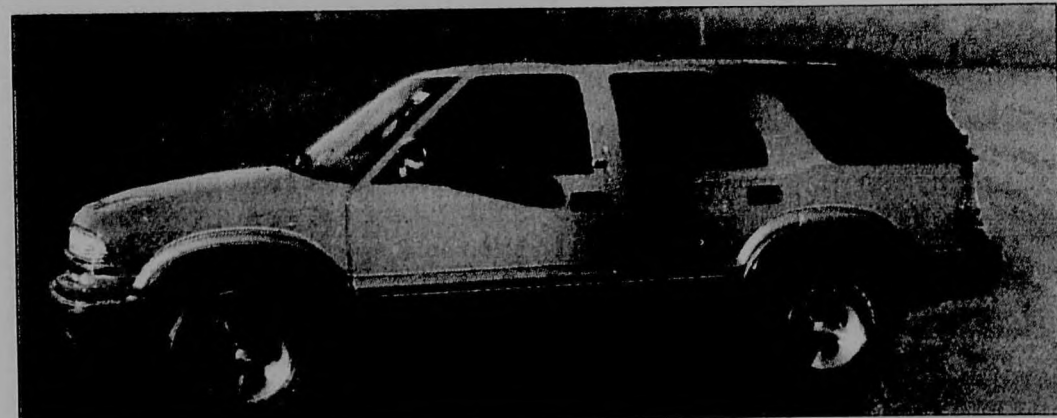
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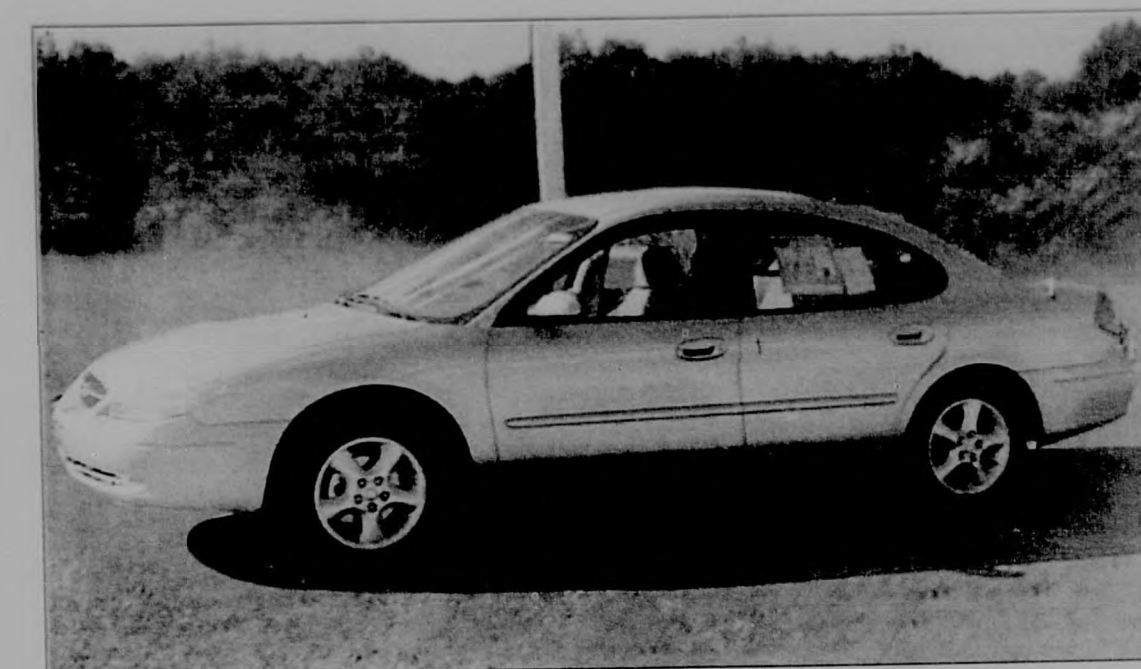


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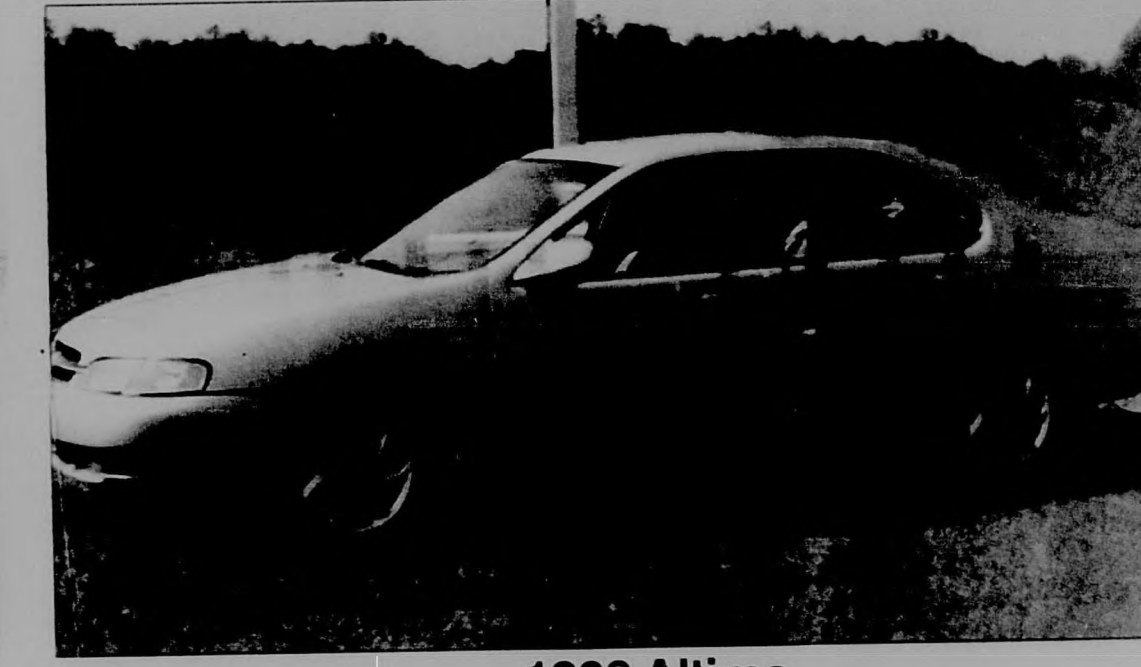
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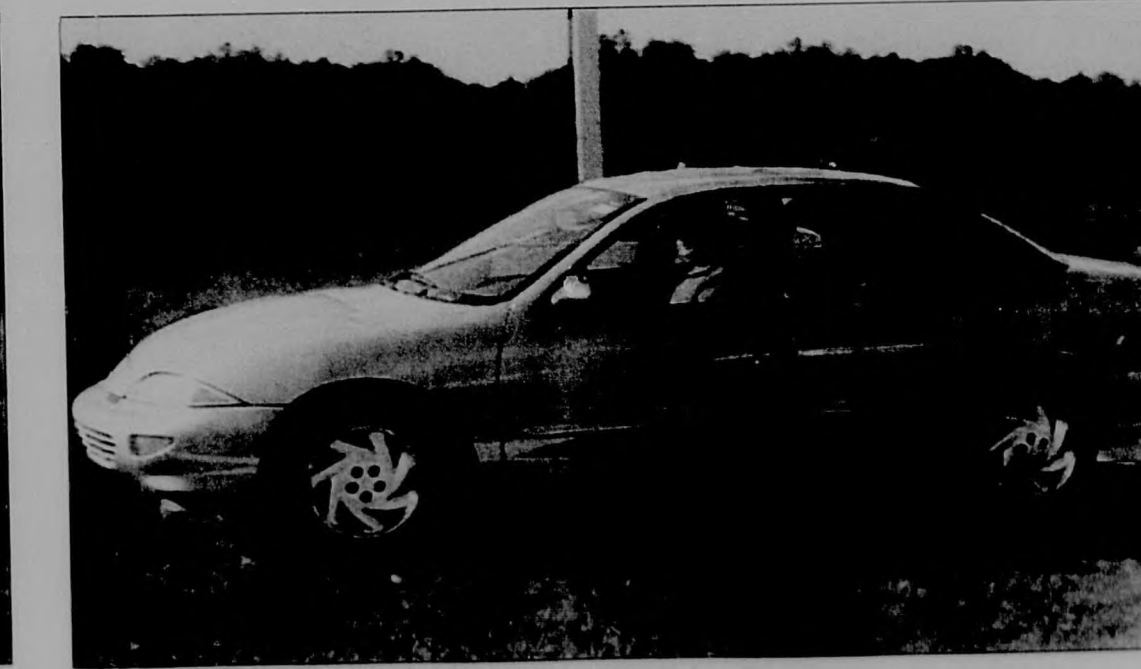
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## SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It is a tradition at the Mularz house that we put up the Christmas tree the weekend after Thanksgiving, and after many reminders from Melanie, we headed out Sunday afternoon to the Wise Christmas Tree farm and let the girls pick out their very own tree. Mom and Dad did help lead it up and then tried our best to get it standing up straight in the living room, but the decorating was left up to the girls, and with only a little help from Mom with the lights, they did a good job. Now Melanie is worried about not having any presents under the tree, but that problem too will be solved as soon as we get a chance to do a little shopping. Ho, ho, wew!!!!

## SORTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAY NOTES...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers won their second straight C, B and T Thanksgiving tournament last week, and made it look relatively easy as they defeated Enterprise 77-49, Zion Chapel 71-48, Florida 48-34 and New Brockton 49-38. The Tigers showed off a new-look offense in the opening two games and really lit up the scoreboard, but in the last two games turned things over to the defense as the pace of the games slowed, and in the end it was simply a combination of a high-powered offense and a sticky man-to-man defense that led the Tigers to the tournament title. The senior trio of Tim Ware, Monroe Williams and Wayne Reed combined for 189 points in the four wins, an average of 47.3 points per game, while the entire Tiger roster showed it could play defense as everyone on the bench got in on the act in the opening two wins. Coach Marlon Johnston told me before the tournament started that his team was still at least a week away from being ready to play. However, after getting four wins over quality opponents, maybe they were a little more ready than Coach Johnston thought. I will admit that the Tigers have several areas that need improvement, but will also admit that this year's Tigers appear to be a team that will be fun to watch.

\*\*\* New Brockton's Coach Keith Thrasher spent his week off for Thanksgiving at the New Brockton High School gym as the tournament director for the annual holiday event, and really did an incredible job hosting the tournament. Coach Thrasher could be seen all over the place at New Brockton, whether it was taking up money at the gate, picking up trash along side the court, carrying a ladder to help change brackets on the walls, making certain the hospitality room was stocked, checking on injured players, supervising the boys sweeping the gym floor, passing out practice balls to the various teams, and of course, coaching the Gamecocks. While Coach Thrasher had to be dead tired after Saturday night's finale, I will bet you he was back at it Sunday afternoon trying to figure out what his team could have done to win the tournament, and checking on the gym to make sure it would be ready for the next practice. Great job coach!

\*\*\* The Brantley Bulldogs made it look easy last week in pounding the undefeated G.W. Long Rebels 54-13 in the semifinals of the 1A football playoffs. The Bulldogs were simply out of the Rebels class in all aspects of the game, and for the fourth straight week looked much improved from the week before. Coach David Lowery, his staff and players have been focused on making it back to Birmingham all season long, and now that they have punched their tickets, it will be interesting to see if the Bulldogs will peak Thursday afternoon in the championship game. If Brantley wins it will be the Bulldogs' third state championship of the 90's, and will make the Bulldogs the team of the decade in 1A sports, with a total of five state titles to their credit. Brantley has all the weapons needed to bring home another title, and if the Bulldogs play up to their potential they should have another one in the very soon. Good luck!

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers were being billed as perhaps the school's best girls basketball team ever, but apparently no one in New Brockton or Arton heard the news, because both teams handed the Lady Tigers a defeat last week in the C, B and T Tournament, and after two games the Lady Tigers stand at 0-2. I have talked with Coach Leroy Carney several times and he has told me that it would not surprise him if the team won a lot of games, and also would not surprise him if the team lost a lot of games. The Lady Tigers start one senior, one junior, two sophomores and one freshman, and even though the same girls saw a lot of playing time a year ago, they are still very young and inexperienced. The girls will no doubt work hard throughout the season and get better as they go, but they need to quit worrying about their record and trying to convince everyone how good a team they are, and just go out and play basketball. C'mon girls, have some fun...the wins will come.

\*\*\* I got the chance to see all the county teams in action during last week's basketball tournament and am convinced that all the teams will be better than they were a year ago. The New Brockton Gamecocks don't have any outstanding players, but do have an outstanding team that relies on teamwork and hustle to win games, while Zion Chapel gets the absolute most out of its players and should have a bunch more wins left on the schedule, and Kinston has already proven that it can compete this season, and should be much better than many think. None of the girls teams appear to be real threats to make a run at a trip to Birmingham, but they too seem improved, and I believe that all the teams, both boys and girls, will improve their records.

\*\*\* Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by early on Sunday and reported that even though he hit on 9 of 12 playoff picks last week, he was still sad that the season was almost over. The local guesstest stands at 282-80 for the season, which gives him another very successful season. Here are this week's picks...

CLASS 1A - Brantley 27 Courtland 15  
CLASS 2A - Lineville 20 Southern Choctaw 19  
CLASS 3A - Brantwood 17 Lincoln 7  
CLASS 4A - Deshler 21 Jemison 20  
CLASS 5A - Etowah 41 Williamson 13  
CLASS 6A - Clay-Chalkville 14 R.E. Lee 10

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Claim four straight wins

## Tigers win Thanksgiving tourney

The Elba Tigers competed in the 5th annual C, B and T Thanksgiving Invitational Basketball Tournament last week, and claimed four impressive wins to claim the tournament championship for the second straight year.

New Brockton placed second in the 12-team event, followed in order by Florida, Samson and Enterprise. Other teams competing included Ashford, Kinston, Zion Chapel, G.W. Long, Houston County, Arton and Rehoboth.

Elba opened the tournament with a big 77-49 win over 6A Enterprise, then defeated cross-county rival Zion Chapel 71-48 to move into the semifinals. The Tigers met Florida, ranked #6 in the state in Class 1A, in the semifinals and posted a 48-34 win, then in the finals battled New Brockton, ranked #10 in the state in Class 2A, and claimed the tourney championship with a 49-38 victory.

Following are highlights of Elba's tournament wins:

ELBA 77  
ENTERPRISE 49

The Elba Tigers opened the tournament on Monday night and led all the way to claim an impressive 77-49 win over the Enterprise Wildcats.

The Tigers jumped out to a quick 9-0 lead behind the inside scoring of Tim Ware, and despite going through a 2-50 scoring drought, owned a 19-5 advantage after one quarter of play.

Elba continued to pound the ball inside to Tim Ware and Monroe Williams in the second quarter and appeared to be in complete command as the Tigers opened up a 33-10 lead with 18 left in the half. However, Enterprise took advantage of the Tigers' foul troubles late in the period and scored 11 straight points to pull within 33-21, and at the half the Tigers led stood at 36-21.

The 6A Wildcats continued to slowly peek away at the Elba lead in the third quarter and pulled within 42-28 with 3:42 remaining in the third quarter. The Tigers caught fire late behind the play of Tim Ware to regain command at 48-30 with 2:05 left in the quarter.

Enterprise outscored the Tigers 6-2 to open the fourth quarter and pulled within 50-33 with 6:39 left on the clock, but Elba quickly regained command and outscored the Wildcats 22-0 over the next four minutes to blow the game open and coasted in with the surprisingly easy win.

Tim Ware scored 29 points to lead Elba, while Monroe Williams added 16 and Wayne Reed scored 15. Willie Lee led Enterprise with 16 points.

EL 19 17 12 29 - 77  
EN 5 16 16 12 - 49

Elba (77): Suley 2, Hill 7, Coleman 5, Reed 15, Salter 2, Head 1, Ware 29, Williams 16.  
Enterprise (49): J. Robinson 6, Crawford 4, Lee 16, McElrider 2, Godwin 3, Thornton 3, Eldersley 7, Johnson 8.

ELBA 71  
Z.C. 48

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and rolled to an easy 71-48 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels in the second round.

CLASS 6A - (1) Butler, (2) Woodlawn, (3) Grissom, (4) LeFlore, (5) Auburn, (6) Central-Phenix

CLASS 5A - (1) Enfaula, (2) Gardendale, (3) Blount, (4) Phillips, (5) B.C. Rain, (6) Wilcox, (7) Coffee, (8) Fairfield, (9) Shaw, (10) Ramsey.

CLASS 4A - (1) Sumter County, (2) Childersburg, (3) Beauregard, (4) Alexandria, (5) Madison County, (6) Guntersville, (7) St. Paul's, (8) Dora, (9) Livingston, (10) Lafayette.

CLASS 3A - (1) Trinity, (2) Francis Marion, (3) Randolph

CLASS 2A - (1) Lineville, (2) Pickens County, (3) Mars Hill Bible, (4) Calera, (5) Catholic, (6) Geneva County, (7) Skyline, (8) Gaston, (9) Cold Springs, (10) New Brockton.

CLASS 1A - (1) Courtland, (2) Brantley, (3) St. Jude, (4) Pleasant Home, (5) Decatur Heritage, (6) Florida, (7) Akron, (8) Loachapoka, (9) Nottulsa, (10) Parkway Christian.

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# Area News

Wiregrass Hospice to hold annual Memorial Service on Dec. 5

Wiregrass Hospice, Inc. will hold its annual Memorial Service on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2:30 p.m. The service will be held at the First Baptist Church located at 302 N. Main Street (this is the first church after the Boll Weevil Monument traveling west on 84) in Enterprise.

The memorial service is held each year to honor the memories of loved ones who have died during the past year, to reflect on those memories with family, friends, community and the staff of Wiregrass Hospice, Inc.

Wiregrass Hospice, Inc. welcomes anyone who has lost a loved one, their families and their friends. You do not have to have been a patient of Wiregrass Hospice, Inc. to attend the annual Memorial Service and to stay for the reception immediately following the service. If you need additional information or directions to the church, please call (334) 347-3353.



**Lisa Marlene Mauldin Faulk** was recently inducted into Troy State University's chapter of Gamma Beta Phi. Gamma Beta Phi is a honor and service society for students in the top fifteen percent of their class. The objectives of the Gamma Beta Society are to recognize and encourage excellence in education, promote the development of leadership ability and character in its members, and to improve education through service projects.

Marlene is a sophomore at TSU, majoring in nursing. Marlene is married to Tracy Faulk of Jack, She is the daughter of Janet Mauldin of Elba and the granddaughter of Mildred Morrow of Opp.

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## Kinston Elementary School

### Honor Roll

#### First Nine Weeks

#### "A" Honor Roll

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Hunter Anderson, Trent Archie, Allison Bess, Gunter Davis, Bethany Hawthorne, Sara Mock, Aaron Rachel, Harli Simmons, Ashley Snell, Jake Vaughan, Daniel Williams

**2nd Grade**  
Lee Devine, Gavin Free, Bethany Holley, Kit Johnson, Kallie Rhodes, Erin Shaw, Amber Smith, Marika Whitehurst

**3rd Grade**  
Dalton Fuller, Maeghann Hawthorne, Wesley Hunko, Hollie Kilcrease, Calina Norris, Erick Odum, Tyler Wilson

**4th Grade**  
Whitney Davis, Aaron Jacobs, John Moss, Kourteney Pierce, Caitlin Tindell, Beth Vaughan, Christie Whigham, Monica Wilford

**5th Grade**  
Ashley Carter, Joshua Driver, Joshua Holtum, Brittany Hunko, Ramsey Phillips

#### "A-B Honor Roll"

**1st Grade**  
Courtney Bryan, Kristin Hall,

Camery Matthews, Jahna Pierce, Alyse Roberts

**2nd Grade**  
Chelsea Allen, Brandon Balaski, Jake Blackmon, Hunter Devine, Hannah Forehand, K.C. Hataway, Amber Jacobs, Cruz Johnson, Ric Johnson, Brian Lasiter, Taylor Lentini, Joseph Nobles, Melissa Pierce, Taylor Rogers, Amber Shehee, Chelsea Weatherington, Abby Williams

**3rd Grade**  
Crystal Baker, Taylor Davis, AJ Johnson, Alex Kelley, Allen Mack, Michelle Miller, Caleb Norris, Ashton Parker, Kevin Rachel, Jasmine Snell, Lane Taylor, Nickolas Weeks, Eric Wise

**4th Grade**  
Suzanne Chance, Clay Craig, Blake Johnson, Ashley E. Kelley, Garrett Kelley, Heather Marlowe, Ashley McCall, Samantha Peacock, Lance Rushing

**5th Grade**  
Brook Barlette, Nicole Boswell, Angel Francisco, Joshua Grace, Ashley Lasiter, Rob Sanders, Zach Spann, Courtney Weeks, Tasha Williamson

**Bradley Chamblee, AJ Davis, Blaine Drury, Ashley DuBose, Timell Harrison, Joshua Lowery, Casey Mack, Amber McCall, Amber McKinney, Matt Odom, Garret Parker, Candace Patterson, Haley Spears, Mindy Wise**

#### Perfect Attendance

**Kindergarten**  
Blake Avant, Brent Davis, Tori Devine, Addie Humphries, Hunter Lashley, Amber Lasiter, Mary Mack, Natasha Mack, Samantha McCall, Caitlyn Norris, Tucker Weeks, Kyle Whitman, Taylor Wilkerson

**1st Grade**  
Hunter Anderson, Trent Archie, Sarah Bailey, Timothy Ballard, Whitney Blackmon, Bethany Hawthorne, Brooke Sims, Ashley Snell, Justin Ward

**2nd Grade**  
Lee Devine, Hannah Forehand, Jacob Holtum, Ric Johnson, Hallie Jowers, Brian Lasiter, Taylor Rogers, Stephanie Weeks, Joey Yates

**3rd Grade**  
Crystal Baker, Ryan Bowdoin, Taylor Davis, Tracy Edwards, Justin Glisson, Maeghann Hawthorne,

Wesley Hunko, Hollie Kilcrease, Ashton Parker, Anthony Pezza, Brandon Pierce, Kevin Rachel, Eric Reese, Jessica Reeves, Jessie Sessions, Eric Sullivan, Christopher Scofield, Lane Taylor, Eric Wise

**4th Grade**  
Shayla Ballard, Clay Craig, Whitney Davis, Brittany DuBose, Shelley Forehand, Renea Gilmore, Nicole Hataway, Brittany Holley, Aaron Jacobs, Ashley McCall, Ethan Nobles, Kourteney Pierce, Brandon Reese, Caitlin Tindell, Christie Whigham, Monica Wilford, Robert Yates

**5th Grade**  
Nicole Boswell, David Davis, Jonathan Edwards, Ashley Gass, Joshua Grace, Bradley Hataway, Tiffany Jordan, Ashley Lasiter, Deven Mack, Jay McCrummen, Kasi McDonald, Dustin Reeves, Kaleigh Sanders, Lashae Smith, Courtney Weeks

**6th Grade**  
Bradley Chamblee, Ashley DuBose, Kourteney Gilmore, Joshua Holtum, Brittany Hunko, Jessie Jacobs, Amber McCall, Joey McCrummen, Joseph McCrummen, Garret Parker, Candace Patterson, Ramsey Phillips, Matt Snell, Keith Tew, Anthony Weeks, Mindy Wise

## Top ten tips to help you prepare to drive in foul weather

1. (NAPS)—Now is the time to prepare yourself for driving safely on icy roads. In other countries, the return of winter means replacing conventional tires with snow tires. For instance, 80 percent of Scandinavian drivers switch to winter tires, while only about 4.5 percent of American drivers switch. Industry leader, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, has developed a Top 10 list for drivers to consider when preparing for the challenges of winter driving.
2. When winter weather strikes, SLOW DOWN.
3. Consider high performance winter tires such as the new Goodyear Ultra Grip Ice tire which delivers 40 percent better traction on ice than all-season and 12 percent more than conventional winter tires.
4. Use extra care when driving across bridges and overpasses, as ice can form even when the roads on either side are ice free.
5. Carry a bag of sand or gravel in the trunk. Rear-wheel-drive vehicles will have improved traction and sand or gravel is helpful if you get stuck.
6. Avoid sudden movements with the steering wheel, brake or accelerator. If the car does skid, ease off the gas, steer into the skid and look at where you want the car to go.
7. Don't allow ice and mud to build up on wheels and underneath your car. Wheels can become unbalanced and lead to unnecessary wear of your tires and suspension parts.
8. Pack blankets, chemical heating packs, water and food on trips in case you get stuck. Wait with your vehicle until help arrives.
9. Before cold weather sets in, have your cooling system checked out to ensure a 50-50-mix of water and anti-freeze.
10. Maintain proper tire inflation throughout the winter to ensure that your tires are maximizing their contact with the road.
11. In snowy conditions, check to make sure that your air intake is free from a build up to avoid overheating even in cold conditions.
12. By following these tips, you can safely negotiate the worst weather that Mother Nature offers up this winter. For more information log onto [www.goodyear.com](http://www.goodyear.com).

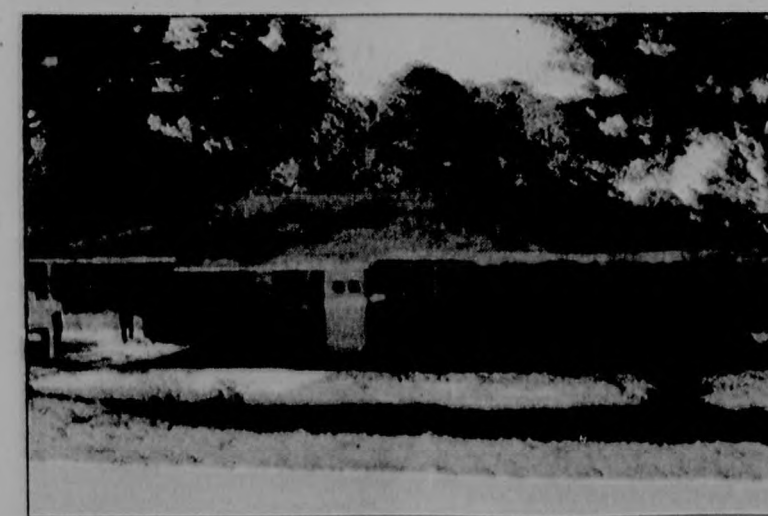
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## CITIZENS ALERTED TO RASH OF RECENT BURGLARIES

### New Brockton seeks emergency medical services

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Two of the main topics of discussion in Monday evening's meeting of the New Brockton Town Council centered around emergency medical services and the recent increase in burglaries within the town.

Several members of the council expressed their concern over the lack of adequate emergency medical service for the residents of the town and the surrounding area.

The New Brockton Rescue Squad ceased operation earlier this year leaving the town and local area without any immediate response to medical emergencies such as automobile accidents, heart attacks, life-threatening illnesses, etc.

Mayor Britt Lee told council members that a meeting of city and county officials with local legislators Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, to discuss the emergency services problem.

The meeting is to be held at the Elba Elementary School, and also in attendance will be representatives for the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency.

Councilman Ron McMonagle, in discussing the matter further, noted

that a local ambulance service - Coffee County EMS based in Elba - had approached them about providing emergency medical services to the town. They basically proposed providing the service for "basically what we (the town) were paying our own rescue squad - fuel and insurance cost."

"This meeting that takes place on Dec. 16 may not resolve this issue of whether or not we have ambulance service coverage here," said McMonagle.

"What I'm suggesting is that we go ahead and sign some type of temporary contract, like Elba did, with some rescue squad for a designated amount of time to make sure we do have coverage under the 911 system until all this coordination, funding and where this money is going to come from actually takes place. Because right now, the Town of New Brockton does not have coverage," continued McMonagle.

He added, "I think it is unfair to our citizens in this town to be without coverage when we have the capability at the existing budget level to have 911 coverage."

After several minutes of discussion, the council agreed unanimously to a motion by McMonagle and seconded by Councilman Charles

Cole giving Mayor Lee the authority to negotiate a contract with Coffee County EMS to provide emergency medical service to the New Brockton area for a specified time (six months).

On the area of coverage, McMonagle commented that, "We would like for it to be no less than the police jurisdiction limits of New Brockton with preferably the old existing coverage of the rescue squad being included."

Turning to other business, McMonagle noted that members of the council and concerned citizens of the community recently met and agreed to work closely with the police department in helping to stop the recent rash of burglaries.

Citizens are urged to be aware and alert for anyone who may act suspicious. Also, anyone having any information that could help in the investigation of recent burglaries should contact the police department.

As preventative measures, anyone planning to be away from their residence for an extended length should notify the police to that fact, and alert their neighbors to be watchful for anyone suspicious on or around their property.

Residents, especially senior citi-

zens, are urged to keep all doors, windows, buildings, and cars locked. They should never open the door for someone they do not know.

Members of the council agreed to spearhead the organization of a neighborhood crime watch program throughout the town.

Finally, Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that during the past month, his department had investigated ten complaints, made four arrests, issued thirteen citations, and investigated four traffic accidents with no injuries. He reported that the fire department responded to two fires, and thirteen stray dogs had been collected and taken to the pound in Elba.

Other actions taken by the council consisted of the following: Voted to advertise for bids on a cab and chassis ('97 or later year model) for the street department. Signed sealed bids will be opened at the next council meeting on Jan. 3, 2000.

Agreed to contract with an Enterprise firm in handling discarded tires (no large truck tires) collected in the town. The town will pay \$1 per tire for their disposition with a one-time collection within the town's city limits. Future collection costs will be passed on to the residents.

Approved a one-time pay raise of \$50 for full-time employees and \$25 for part-time employees.

Voted to give employees a 2 percent cost-of-living raise starting with the first pay period in January 2000.

Designated Friday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 31, as Christmas and New Year's holidays respectively.

Mayor reminded department heads of the precautions being taken for Y2K on Dec. 31.

Approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$19,352.59.



**EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT** ..... received by New Brockton Elementary School, Coffee County's Legislative Delegation. Sen. Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer delivered a \$1,500 check to the school to be used in furnishing a family conference center. Lynn Baker, guidance counselor at NBES, said that the funds will be used to purchase furniture ("big people furniture") to be placed in a conference room where meetings between parents and teachers can be held to discuss the academic progress of children. "This will allow the parents and teachers to meet privately in comfortable surroundings for their discussions," said Baker. Pictured above for the check presentation are (l-r): Sen. Holley, Dr. Linda Ingram, Lynn Baker (representing Dr. Irma Townsend, principal of NBES), and Rep. Spicer.

### Elba businessman Daniel Stephens takes part in NFIB small business summit

Coffee County was represented at a recent National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) sponsored small business summit held in Montgomery.

Daniel B. Stephens, president of EDCO Fasteners, Inc. based in Elba, took his small business concerns to the state capitol on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1999, as a delegate in the first-ever Alabama Small Business Summit. In all, more than 100 small business owners from across the state converged

on the capitol to voice their problems and priorities.

"Tax reform is a top priority," said Stephens. "Elba is a small community with small businesses impacted by the state tax system. Affordable health care is also a top issue."

Stephens, who was nominated as a delegate by State Senator Jimmy W. Holley (District 31), volunteered his time to speak out for fellow business owners in this grassroots movement.

Convened by the Alabama office of the NFIB and a number of other groups, the first-ever Small Business Summit gave independent business owners the opportunity to suggest legislative initiatives to improve the state's small-business climate. The day-long summit included four workshops on tort reform, business laws, state taxes, and health insurance. There was also a luncheon featuring Dr. Ed Richardson, state superintendent of education, as one of six panelists addressing the topic of educating the small business workforce for 2000.

Elected officials often talk about the importance of small business to our state's economy, but they may not understand what it takes to create a better environment for businesses to thrive and grow," says NFIB Alabama State Director Phyllis Kennedy. "The only people

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### Bowers' \$1 million lawsuit verdict overturned by state's high court

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The \$1 million awarded a Coffee County couple in a lawsuit against Wal-Mart has been overturned by the Alabama Supreme Court. The 7-2 decision was handed down last Friday.

Tony and Ann Bowers of Elba had filed suit against the Enterprise Wal-Mart Supercenter claiming negligence on the part of the store in servicing their 1993 Cadillac DeVille. They claimed that an engine fire resulted after the vehicle had been taken to the Supercenter for an oil change.

The couple contended that the improper installation of an oil filter installed at the Enterprise store on October 28, 1995, caused the fire that destroyed their car and one-story, three-bedroom home. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. claimed that it was not at fault and that the

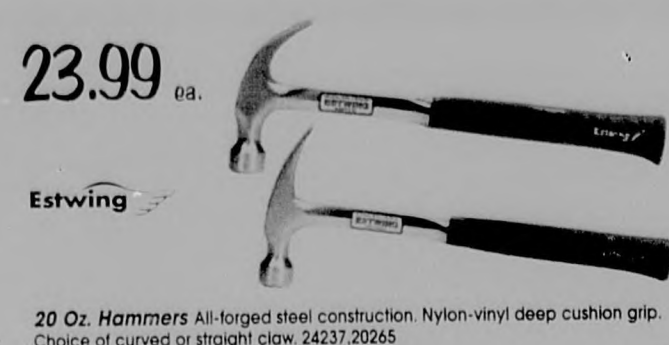
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The Bowers won a \$1 million dollar verdict in a jury trial held in July, 1998.

Upon appeal by Wal-Mart, the Supreme Court ruled that the jury should not have considered Tony Bowers' mental anguish claim because he was not at the home when the fire started, and "was not placed in any immediate risk of physical harm."

The Court struck down the whole verdict because the jury returned a general verdict with no indication as to what portion of the \$1 million was for Bowers' mental anguish claim.

No date has been set for the case to be retried in the Coffee County Courts. The next civil jury term is scheduled for February 2000.



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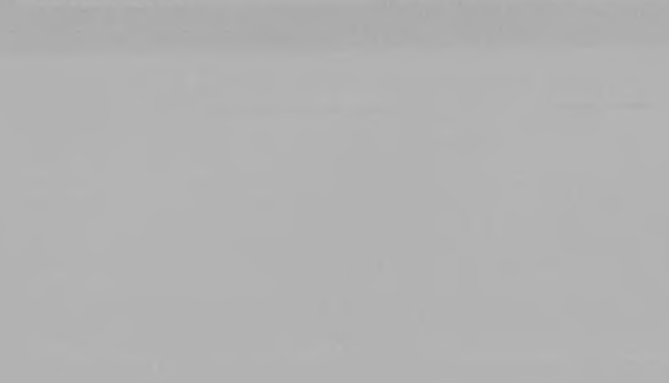
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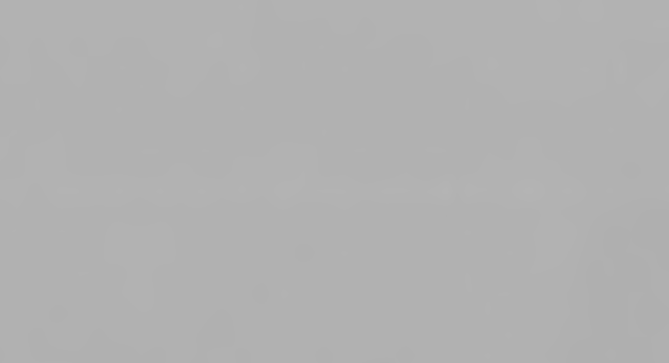
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Cushion Grip Hand Tools Choose from 7" angle nose, 8" bent nose, 8" adjustable wrench, 8" diagonal and long nose pliers. 2065704-2035087. 2004240-091-2004067



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6" Speed Square Versatile square for trim, cabinets, and other woodwork. Includes Swanson speed clip. 20474

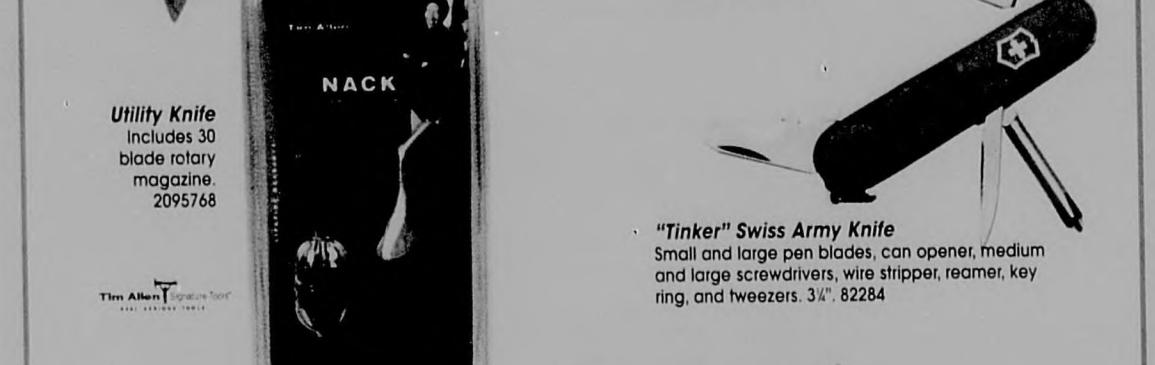


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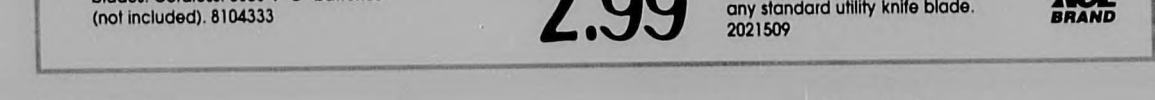
Utility Knife Includes 30 blade rotary magazine. 2095768



"Tinker" Swiss Army Knife Small and large pen blades, can opener, medium and large screwdrivers, wire stripper, roomer, key ring, and tweezers. 3/16" 82284



Classic Swiss Army Knife Includes small pen blade, scissors, and more. Fits easily into pocket. Red. 2/16" 82280



Knife Sharpener For straight and serrated blades. Cordless. Uses 4 "C" batteries (not included). 8104333



Heavy-Duty Utility Knife Use with any standard utility knife blade. 2021509



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### Alabama's new seat belt law takes effect tomorrow as a primary offense

Drivers, and passengers, of automobiles and trucks had better buckle up because tomorrow, December 10, if you are caught unbuckled, you will get a ticket.

Alabama's new safety belt law makes it a primary offense if a driver and/or passenger fails to buckle up. This allows law enforcement officers to issue a ticket for not wearing a seat belt.

Prior to now, the seat belt law passed in 1991 required the wearing of seat belts; however, a driver had to be stopped and ticketed for another traffic offense before a citation could be issued for failing to wear a safety belt.

The new law requires that all occupants in the front seat of a

vehicle with a total capacity of 10 or less riders must wear seat belts. Children are still required to ride in a safety seat whether they are riding in the front or rear of a vehicle.

There are only a few exemptions to the new law. They are those with doctor's excuse which verifies that some medical problem prevents the wearing of a safety belt, rural mail carriers, individuals delivering newspapers, those riding in cars built prior to 1965 and operators of vehicle normally operated in reverse.

Anyone receiving a ticket for failing to buckle up will be fined \$25. With the passing and enforcement of the new law, Alabama becomes one of only 15 states with

a primary seat belt law. All 50 states have laws requiring infants and toddlers to ride in a federally approved safety seats.

Alabama State Troopers, and other law enforcement agencies, want the motoring public to recognize the importance of buckling up which is not just to keep from getting a ticket and being fined, but the safety measure is designed to save lives. At the present time, the usage rate for seat belts in the state is estimated to be only 52 percent while the national average is 69 percent.

In Alabama, more than 1,000 people die each year while nearly 50,000 are injured in vehicle crashes. A small percentage of those killed or injured were wearing their seat belt.

It is estimated that the new law will prevent 87 deaths and 1,326 injuries in vehicle crashes in only one year. Also, an estimated \$36.2 billion will be saved in health costs annually.

Regardless of the incentive, everyone should buckle up - it is the safe and sensible thing to do.

### Submission deadline nears for articles in Coffee County Heritage publication

Coffee Countians are being invited to preserve their family's history in a soon to be published book entitled "The Heritage of Coffee County, Alabama." The current schedule calls for the book to be published in Fall 2000.

Coffee County's Heritage Book Committee is preparing a unique collection of family and topical stories to be placed in the book which will be Volume 16 of the prestigious 68 volume heritage of Alabama Series, a collection of 67 county books and a compiled index of all family names.

All residents, former residents, and those with roots in Coffee County are being invited to submit a family household history of 500 words and one photograph to be printed in the book.

Chairman Roy Shoffner noted that families whose ancestors were in the county previous to 1890 will be allowed to submit an additional 500 words of pioneer history and another photograph per household at no additional charge. In either case, all words over the allowed amount will be added at a cost of 15¢ per word.

The book will feature different chapters dealing with communities and their origin, businesses, churches, citizens and other interesting facts about Coffee County.

Just recently, it was decided to add a chapter in the book dedicated to couples married for 50 or more years.

This is a rare opportunity for one to have their family's history



Chairman Roy Shoffner examines a sample book placed in library genealogical collections throughout Alabama and the nation. The 9"x12" book will be a limited edition beautifully hardbound, ivy green, exquisitely gold stamped cover. Only those ordering in advance at the pre-publication price of \$59 are guaranteed to receive a copy.

The deadline for submitting articles and placing pre-publication orders is January 31, 2000. The following individuals can be contacted for assistance and additional information concerning the project. They are: Chairman Roy Shoffner at (334)347-8887; Family Coordinators Phyllis Maddox at (334)897-5550 and Lavinia Helms at (334)347-6150; Topical Coordinators Marion Brunson at (334)897-2427 and Peggy Stroud at (334)897-2847.

### Jack R. Brunson's retirement as president & CEO of NSGI announced

The National Security Group, Inc. announced on Dec. 3, 1999 the retirement of President and Chief Executive Officer, Jack R. Brunson.

Mr. Brunson has served National Security well for the past 46 years and has been a successful leader. He plans to continue in a consulting capacity to the company but will be spending more time with his family. He will be retiring on Dec. 31, 1999.

The company also announced that William L. Brunson Jr., President of the company's life insurance subsidiary, was elected President and Chief Executive Officer, effective Jan. 1, 2000.

Mr. William Brunson has been with National Security since June of 1983. He is married to Rhonda Bozeman Brunson. They reside in Elba with their two daughters, Sydney and Shelby.

### Area Happenings

**COMMISSION MEETING.** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, December 13, 1999, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

**HOLIDAY MUSICAL.** The National Security Group, Inc. of Elba heralds the holiday season when it presents Theatre Tuscaloosa's Stage Centre Company in A BROADWAY CHRISTMAS on Friday, Dec. 10, at the Elba High School Auditorium. Tickets are free and may be obtained by calling 897-2273, Ext. 204, or 1-800-239-2358, Ext. 204, from outside Coffee County.

**COFFEE COUNTY BOE** No meeting in month of December.